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QUAY'S CREATURES.

The present Legislature of Pennsylvania is declared to be the most corrupt ever known in the history of the State, and that is saying a great deal.

The buying of Pennsylvania Legislatures by corporations, particularly by railroad corporations, is a scandal of old standing. Indeed, this form of corruption has become so common in the Keystone State that it has ceased to attract much attention.

Besides, the bribe takers and the bribe givers have, as a rule, shown, in deference to public opinion, some little circumspection. That is to say, while every one knew that bribery was going on, such care was taken to cover up tracks that no one could prove it.

Furthermore, corruption along these lines has, for the most part, been a matter between the vendors and the vendees, the State only suffering indirectly.

The latest form of Pennsylvania legislative corruption, however, consists of most outrageous steals from the State for the benefit of political bidders, the steals being made by padding the employee pay-rolls of the two houses.

An honest but prying member of the House looked into the pay-roll of that body, and discovered that it called for \$75,000, although the proper total, counting every man who could lawfully draw pay, was only \$55,000.

A similar investigation as to the Senate employee roll developed that while the legal total was \$38,000, the amount called for was \$48,000. This padding, representing a steal of over \$10,000 in the pay-roll of one house, and \$10,000 in the pay-roll of the other, it is openly charged was done at the instigation of Boss Quay.

The prying member of the House referred to above asked an "acting doorkeeper," who is getting some of the benefit of the padding, how he happened to be so fortunate, and he replied that Senator Quay "sent me down with orders that I be taken care of."

On the strength of the investigation of the pay-rolls, a motion was made to correct them, but was promptly rejected.

An Independent Republican contemporary, in commenting on this revelation, says that nothing so unblushing in the way of criminal practices among lawmakers has ever before been seen. But, continues our contemporary, it is not so strange as it may seem at first thought, seeing that the swindlers are merely the creatures of Senator Quay.

They know that their creator never conceals his contempt for the people, and why should they affect to care anything for public sentiment?

That is very well put. But our contemporary might properly have gone a little further, and said that, according to the testimony of a Republican member of one of the committees on election of the United States House of Representatives, the Pennsylvania Legislature only represents in this matter the Pennsylvania electorate.

His testimony was, in effect, that the most unblushing evidences of fraud and corruption his committee had met with developed in connection with elections in Pennsylvania—"the State of honest elections," as he sarcastically remarked.

MURDER MYSTERIES.

New York's latest murder mystery has in it much that is analogous to the "Waterloo bridge mystery," which excited London for a good while during the fifties. But there is this difference—the body of the New Yorker seems to have been identified, while that of the Londoner never was.

Whether the failure in the latter instance was due to the superior astuteness of the murderers, or the superior stupidity of the London detectives, we do not know.

The Waterloo bridge case furnishes a chapter in many books upon medical jurisprudence, and is chiefly remembered as having caused a great deal of public indignation against medical students as a class, for they were suspected of having chopped the man up. As in the New York case, the London man's body was cut into several parts.

Moreover, an attempt had been made, by boiling and hacking the flesh, to prevent identification.

One bag full of the remains (and also some clothing) was thrown from Waterloo bridge one night, but instead of going to the river, the bag lodged upon a wall of the bridge, where it was

THE OHIO PLATFORM.

As we read it, the Ohio platform endorses and reaffirms the Chicago platform from beginning to ending. True, it places no emphasis upon and gives no prominence to any plank save that referring to the free coinage of silver, but read the first sentence of the Ohio resolutions, as follows:

The Democrats of Ohio, in convention assembled, reaffirm and endorse the declaration of principles adopted by the Democratic party in the National Convention at Chicago, in 1896, which platform declares the money question paramount to all others at this time, and is as follows:

The words after "as follows" are those of the Chicago platform relating to the money question.

We, therefore, understand that the Ohioans have adopted the declaration of principles as put forth at Chicago, but for the uses of the present campaign in the Buckeye State have made the free-silver issue "paramount."

By the way, according to some of the newspaper reports we have seen, there has been recently a great change in Ohio politics. In the platform convention lately held, it is alleged that there were 100 men, who were Democrats—"many of them Bryan Democrats"—last year. In the Democratic convention held yesterday there were an equal number who were Republicans last year. Among these were twenty-four colored men.

Hon. Virgil P. Kline, the recognized leader of the Ohio Gold Democrats who bolted the nomination of Bryan last year, and voted for McKinley, announces that he will not co-operate with the Republicans this year, but that he prefers to vote for a silver candidate for Governor and other State offices.

Mr. Kline says his reason for this is the utter indifference of the McKinley administration to the issues upon which the St. Louis ticket was elected. "Instead of doing something to relieve the financial condition of the country," declares Mr. Kline, "the administration has slapped the faces of its allies of last year by encouraging the most offensive tariff legislation."

We quote further from the Columbus correspondent of the Washington Post:

Mr. Kline is the most influential of the Ohio Gold Democrats, and his undoubtedly reflects the opinions of nine tenths of those who co-operated with him last year. The only notable exception is ex-Congressman Outwater, who favors straight gold State and legislative action.

Mr. Outwater's son, in the direction, however, is suspected of being in the interest of Mr. Hanna's candidacy. Through the courtesy of the McKinley administration, Mr. Outwater is holding his membership in the Board of Ordnance and Fortifications, to which he was appointed by Mr. Cleveland after his defeat for Congress.

Outwater is without any following worth speaking of. This defection on the part of the Gold Democrats is, quite alarming to Mr. Hanna's friends, as their support was confidently relied upon.

This indicates that the position of the Gold Democrats of Ohio is substantially the same as that held by the majority of the Gold Democrats of Virginia. We fully expect to have the help of these Virginia gentlemen in electing the nominees of the Roanoke convention, and in electing legislators to effect the retraction and frame the constitutional amendments that our people expect.

The meteorologists, almanac makers, and other fellows that hold themselves responsible for the weather are in a quandary. It is generally conceded that the earth receives the same amount of heat from the sun each successive year. During June of this year, however, ten degrees of heat the earth is entitled to, did not show up, and the question with the learned gentlemen aforementioned is, what has become of them.

To these gentlemen we would say we are satisfied there is no reason to fear that the missing ten degrees are irrevocably lost to the earth. Indeed, we have the best of reasons for saying that they were lurking around in the neighborhood of Richmond yesterday.

The venerable Mrs. Alexander Campbell, widow of Alexander Campbell, died at her home, in Bethany, W. Va., Monday, in the 95th year of her age. Her husband died March 4, 1865.

The Wheeling Register says Mrs. Campbell's maiden name was Selma H. Bakewell, and that she was born at Litchfield, Eng., November 12, 1802. She came to this country when a child. She was married to Alexander Campbell in 1828, having been his second wife, and lived continuously at the home to which she was taken a bride.

If Ohio had a beach worth talking about, we might say that McLean and Hanna seem to be about the only pebbles thereon.

June's farewell was as warm as is that of the rich man to the poor relation.

GARNETT-MERCHANT.

A Pretty Marriage in the Old Burg—The Attendants.

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., June 30.—(Special.)—Miss Mary S. Merchant, of this city, and Mr. Henry Garnett, were married in the Methodist church here to-night at 7:30 o'clock, in the presence of a large and fashionable audience.

The decoration of the church, while not elaborate, was tasteful and very pretty. The Rev. R. J. Stump, pastor of the church, was the officiating clergyman. Miss Edith Merchant, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was attired in white, with a train of white tulle, and was, of Roanoke, cousin of the bride, was best man.

At the appointed hour the bridal party entered the church in the following order: H. L. James and E. C. Bell, H. D. Scott and James Collins, George King and Brainerd Kates, when, then came the maid of honor, followed by little Jeannette Stearns, niece of the bride, carrying the ring on a silver tray, and, last, the bride, attired in a light traveling suit, with her father, the groom and his best man met them at the altar, where, solemnly and impressively, were pronounced the words that made them one.

Among those present from a distance were Miss Kate V. Anthony, of Staunton; Maud Wills, of Washington; Ida Woodin, of Caroline; Ida Verden, of Alexandria; Mrs. M. R. King, Mrs. Elwood King, and Mr. and Mrs. Messick, of Quantico; Mrs. W. T. Greenaway, of Alexandria.

There is a lively row on between the retail grocers of Connecticut and the New York grocery jobbers. The Connecticut retail grocers profess the utmost eagerness to obey the pure-food law, but they say that the wicked New York jobbers send them adulterated goods, and that to employ an analytic chemist to pass upon each separate article would bring ruin in a week. The jobbers, on the other hand, while admitting that they deal in sophisticated molasses and spices, assert that the Connecticut dealers know exactly what they are getting in each case, and get what they do because it is cheap.

The funniest part of this whole business is that the land of wooden nutmegs should object to seeking adulterated articles.

A big drop in the price of bicycles is announced, but we venture to say it is as nothing to that the learner-on the wheel sometimes experiences.

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